

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Green County Courthouse
County Board Room
1016 16th Avenue
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, June 4, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. Those present were Dudley Timm, Oscar Olson, Erica Roth, Jeff Williams, Kristi Leonard, Nick Hartwig, Teresa Zimmer, Jason Thomas, Austin Loeffelholz, Tonya Gratz, Matt Wallrath, and Todd Jenson.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved on a motion by Roth, second by Olson. Motion carried.

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$9463.37. A motion was made by Olson, second by Timm to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Matt Wallrath of the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association presented a proposal of projects their office staff would like to run for Green and other surrounding counties for aquatic invasive species. The DNR is changing their grant funded program to a guaranteed allocation to each county. Green County is estimated to receive around \$10,900 in 2021. A motion was made by Roth, second by Williams to approve the proposal of having the USRWA accept the grant on our behalf and do aquatic invasive work within the county. Motion carried.

Jenson gave a report on the recent SAA meeting. Elections were held. No one from Green County was selected for an office or appointment. The summer tour to be hosted by Lafayette County has been postponed until 2021. Jenson explained how the other offices were handling work right now under COVID19.

Jenson had handouts on the LWRM plan rewrite timeline and plan review checklist. He will work on getting an advisory team together to start the rewrite process.

Jenson passed out new Land Conservation Committee handbooks.

Gratz gave an educational demonstration on phragmites and purple loosestrife.

Jenson informed the committee he has been working on CREP, writing SWRM contracts, and doing contract reimbursements with DATCP.

Gratz informed the committee she has been working with the Farmers of the Sugar River in having a soil health testing pop up meeting. She is also taking samples from farmers for soil health testing. Up to five samples per farmer will be paid for by the group.

Loeffelholz informed the committee he has been working on designs, GPSing wells, and staking perpetual CREP boundaries with steel posts.

Zimmer informed the committee DMC payments went out. CFAP started last Tuesday. There are 160 applicants to date. Crop certification maps are due by June 15. The entire staff will be back to work in the office on Monday. Becky Hardyman is coming back to help for a few months.

Thomas informed the committee that statewide there are quite a few clients backing out of signing their EQIP contracts. This isn't so much the case in Green County. He finished the random compliance reviews. Next week there is a HEL compliance conference with a local producer.

In committee concerns, Williams told of he and his wife's experience of dropping off a CFAP application at the office. Gratz asked how the water quality testing went at the UW-EX office. Olson and Roth said the first round of test results are back. There will be a presentation on the results on June 23. The next testing cycle will be around next January.

There were no public comments.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 6, beginning at 9:30 AM.

A motion was made by Olson, second by Roth to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.